MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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Herbert E. Meyer, Vice Chairman National Intelligence Council

SUBJECT:

Release of Estimates to Defense Contractors

Device De Carried. 1. Action Requested: Interpretation of DCID 1 of 7 January 1984 re the release of estimates to DoD contractors/consultants.

- 2. NIO/SP recommends approval of the attached DIA request for release of Vol. III, NIE 11-3/8-84: Soviet Strategic Nuclear Capabilities, 1983-1993 to the Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA), a contractor to the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense/R&E. (Tab A)
- 3. C/DDO/PCS disapproves of release of the captioned estimate re DCID 1, Part II, Paras. 12B-D. (Tab B)
- 4. Both positions might be accommodated if portions of the estimate were made available to IDA in a format not identified as "national intelligence." This solution would, however, set a precedent for time-consuming sanitization by officers of the NIC.
- 5. DIA also requested similar action for IDA in late February. That request, for NIE 11-12-83: Soviet Military Technology and Research and Development, was denied after consultation with NIO/S&T, DDO/PCS, and the DDI Security Officer. (Tab C)

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